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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re: PATENT APPLICATION of Inventor(s) Mendicino, et al.

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Examiner: P. Shaver Amulus
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Title: SURFACE-ACTIVE ADDITIVES IN THE DIRECT SYNTHESIS OF

TRIALKOXYSILANES

Date: May 20, 2002

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Hon. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated March 21, 2002, please consider the following remarks.

Remarks

Reconsideration and allowance of the subject application are respectfully requested.

In the March 21 Office Action, the Examiner stated that the reissue application is in condition for allowance except for the formal matter of surrendering the original patent. To that end, we submit herewith the original patent in its entirety.

Reissue Application 09/488,672

This reissue application is believed to be in condition for allowance, and notice to that effect is earnestly solicited. If the Examiner has any further inquiries about the issues discussed hereinabove, or any other issue relating to this application, he is invited to contact Applicants' representative, the undersigned, at (301) 924-9600.

Respectfully submitted,

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